REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending, with claims 1, 28, 42, and 44 being independent.

Claims 1-35 and 37-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bodnar (6,544,295).

This response first addresses the rejection with respect to claims 1-27, then claims 28-35 and 37-41, then claims 42 and 43, and finally claims 44-46.

Claims 1-27

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

As amended, claim 1 recites a method of managing navigation information in a computer application that includes, among other features, establishing a global context that can communicate with a plurality of resources, where each resource resides in an associated local context. State information is communicated from one or more of the local contexts to the global context and global navigation information is maintained for the plurality of resources using a single navigation interface based on the communicated state information, where the plurality of resources are separate and independent resources that include both browser and non-browser applications. The global navigation information is presented as an ordered list of the resources representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using the single navigation interface. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest that the global navigation information is presented as an ordered list of the resources representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using the single navigation interface.

Instead, Bodnar describes a "Quick mark" utility that allows a user to organize programs, web sites, and other items in tabs, and launch them with a single click. The interface includes a list of marks that is organized by tabs, folders and visual icons. Buttons on the utility let the user start programs or jump to a web site. See Bodnar, col. 7, lines 35-51. One Quick mark interface illustrates a list of new and removed items. See Bodnar, Fig. 7 and col. 5, lines 14-15. When a user clicks on a "What's New" button, the interface illustrated in Fig. 7 is displayed. The "What's New" interface displays a list of new and removed items. The "What's New" interface

does not display an ordered list of the resources representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using the single navigation interface, as recited in amended claim 1.

> As illustrated in FIG. 7, the system periodically scans the user-specified Quick marks and displays a list of new and removed items. Updated items are marked with a starburst; removed items, such as a discontinued Web site, are marked with an X. The user can customize how frequently the system checks the user's Quick marks and whether the user is notified with an alarm when an item changes. See Bodnar, col. 10, line 64 to col. 11, line 4.

The "What's New" interface of Fig. 7 of Bodnar illustrates when a particular Quick mark was updated and the type of Quick mark that was updated. The date/time stamp in the "Updated" column tells the user when the Quick mark was updated, as suggested by the name of the column and as described in the corresponding text. As indicated in the corresponding text quoted above, the items are updated to reflect when a change occurs, such as when a web site is discontinued. As such, the "Updated" column does not tell the user when the Quick mark was accessed using the single navigation interface.

Furthermore, the "What's New" interface is not an ordered list of the resources representative of an order in which the resources were accessed because the list of Quick marks in the "What's New" interface is not in any particular order. As can be seen in Fig. 7, the list of Quick marks appears to be in a random order, which is not indicative of an order in which the resources were accessed using the single navigation interface.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-27.

Claims 28-35 and 37-41

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection with respect to independent claim 28 and its dependent claims.

Similarly to claim 1, claim 28 recites an arrangement in which a global-context history list is presented that is representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using a single navigation interface. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §

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102(e) rejection of claim 28, and its dependent claims 29-35 and 37-41, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 42 and 43

Applicants have amended independent claim 42 to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

Similarly to claim 1, claim 42 recites an arrangement in which a global-context history list is presented as an ordered list of resources that is representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using a single navigation interface. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 42 and its dependent claim 43, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 44-46

Applicants have amended independent claim 44 to obviate the rejection.

Similarly to claim 1, claim 44 recites an arrangement in which the global navigation information or the history information is presented as an ordered list of resources that is representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using a single navigation interface. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 44 and its dependent claims 45 and 46, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claim 36

Claim 36, which depends from claim 28, stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodnar. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest the features of claim 28.
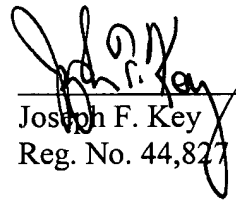
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No fees are believed to be due. However, during the prosecution of this application, please apply any deficiencies or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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